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Applicant(s): Norman W. Robson, et al.

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Invention: USING A PARTIAL METAL LEVEL MASK FOR EARLY TEST RESULTS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, the following Amendment is being submitted to place the above-identified application in prima facie condition for allowance.

Kindly amend the following claims and consider the Remarks that follow: